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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Kilchenstein House Inventory Number: BA-3201
Address: 8621 Old Harford Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21234-3931 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Towson
Property Owner: Allen and Thelma Kain Tax Account ID Number: 0911001900
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 1250 Tax Map Number: 71
Project: BA458B21 I-695 Perring Parkway to Harford Road Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: TRC Garrow Associates Inc
Preparer's Name: Geoffrey Henry Date Prepared: 4/5/2006
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Location and Setting

The Kilchenstein House is located at 8621 Old Harford Road, on the east side of the road, and at the southern end of the Old Harford Road bridge over I-695, east of Towson, in Baltimore County. The house is set only a few feet from the bridge embankment and stands below the road grade at this point. The rectangular lot contains 7,920 square feet and is bordered on the north by Midi Avenue and by Croner Avenue on the south.

Description

This 2-story, 3-bay house is built on a fieldstone foundation with its main façade on the west. The house is currently covered with vinyl and aluminum siding, so the building material is not known, but the depth of the window and door jambs suggests that it is probably brick rather than stone. The house has a side-gable roof covered with rolled asphalt. There is a large interior end chimney at both the north and south gable ends. They are currently stuccoed but are probably stone. There is a single gable-roofed dormer window on the east elevation and a single attic level window on the north gable end. The eaves are trimmed with a simple wooden box cornice. The windows have non-historic metal 1/1 double-hung sash, some with vinyl shutters. There is a central

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entrance on the west with a non-historic metal door. On the east, there is a one-story shed-roofed ell that extends along the entire length of the house. It has an entrance on the north gable end with a metal door and another one on the east elevation, also with a metal door. The windows on this ell have 6/6 double hung sash or sliding sash.

Condition and Alterations/Additions

The house is in fair condition and has been altered by the addition of non-historic siding, windows, shutters, and doors. The east ell is not original.

Historical Background

Based on architectural evidence and historical research this house appears to date to ca. 1850. Little or no original historic material exists on the exterior and the interior was not examined, but the height, massing, and general appearance of the house suggests it is from this period.

A house is shown at this location on Old Harford Road on numerous late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century atlases and maps of Baltimore County. A map of Baltimore County from 1850 shows a building at this location with the name of W.J. Cole. Cole is shown as the property's owner on maps from 1857, 1863, and 1877. The 1877 Atlas of Baltimore County by G.M. Hopkins shows both a house and an outbuilding on the property. These are also shown on maps and atlases from 1898 and 1915 under the name of August Kilchenstein. Little is known about Kilchenstein, except that he built a hotel in the vicinity around 1918. In 1924, the property was surveyed and subdivided into residential lots; the subdivision was named Harford Gardens. The house is shown on this survey, along with another smaller house and an outbuilding, the latter two no longer standing. The much-reduced property has had numerous owners since then.

Evaluation

Historical research on Baltimore County and this area along Old Harford Road does not reveal any important historical events or historical patterns with which the Kilchenstein House is associated. Primarily an agricultural region until the first decade of the twentieth century, this was one of many small farms once located along Old Harford Road. The property was subdivided and developed in the early 1920s, as were numerous other former farm properties within close proximity to Baltimore City. The Kilchenstein House is not associated with a known event or series of events significant on the local, state, or national level and is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A.

The Kilchenstein House is not associated with the life of an individual significant on the local, state, or national level and is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B. Its late-nineteenth-century owner August Kilchenstein was well-known locally as a farmer but was not an otherwise significant individual.

The Kilchenstein House is not NRHP-eligible under Criterion C. Although the house retains the general shape and massing of a mid-19th-century vernacular Baltimore County farmhouse, there are numerous alterations to its exterior appearance and character-defining features. These include the use of aluminum and vinyl siding, the replacement of all historic windows and doors, the addition of a large ell on the east, and the covering of the chimneys with non-historic stucco. These alterations have resulted in a loss of integrity of workmanship, design, and materials. The construction of a bridge over I-695 which has created an embankment directly in front of the house and a wall to its north has resulted in a loss of integrity of setting.

The Kilchenstein House is not NRHP-eligible under Criterion D.

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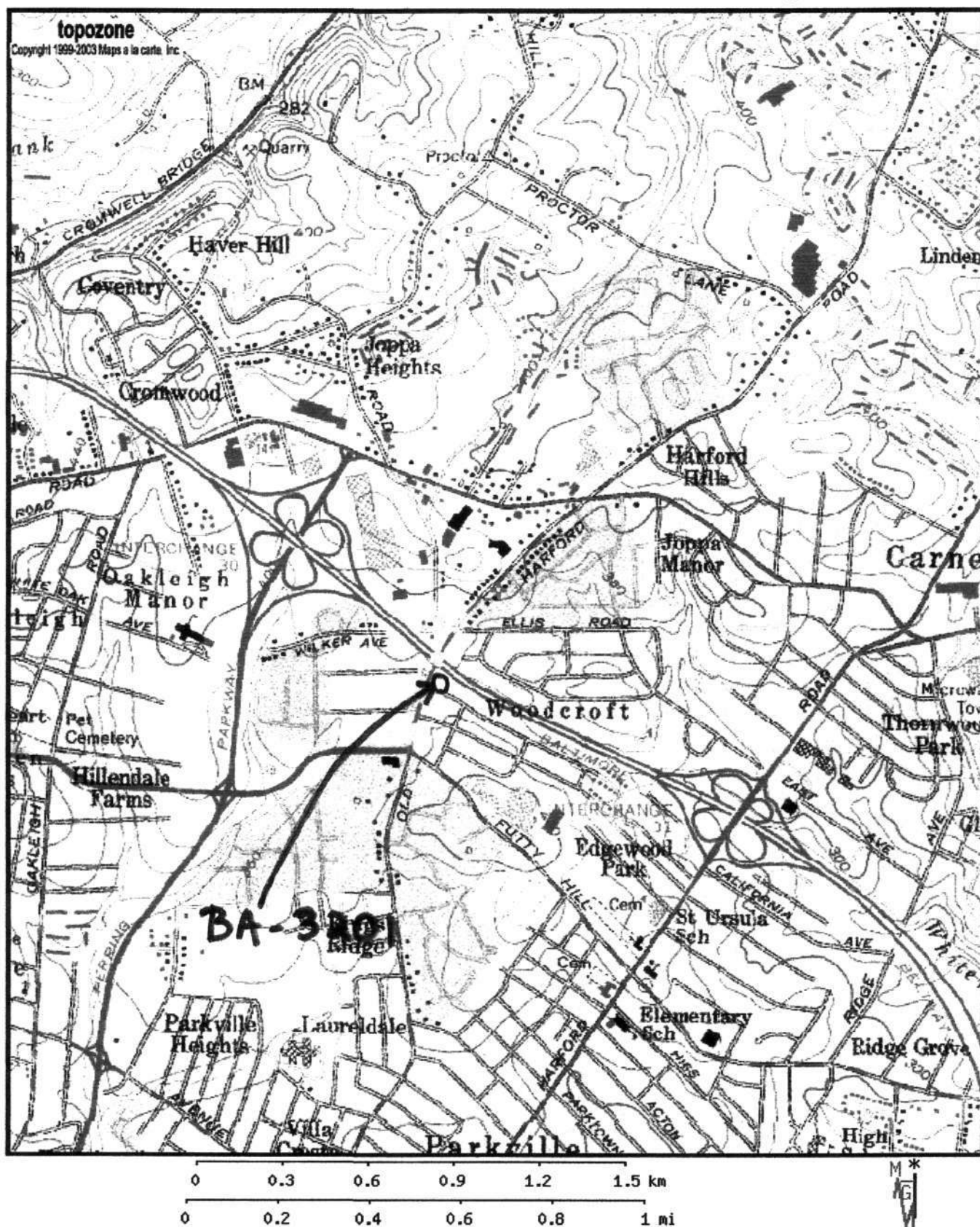
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